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The Honorable John Barrasso, MD
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018

Dear Chairman Barrasso:

On behalf of the Campbell County Board of Commissioners, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed Endangered Species Act Amendments (ESA) of 2018. These issues are of great importance to us and working with you and Congress to improve legislation to provide a balance between the protection of the species while allowing economic development to occur is critical to the long-term health of our county and the State of Wyoming.

Campbell County strongly supports the Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018 and is pleased to see this legislation aligns well with the process and principles put forth by the Western Governors Association at the initiative of Wyoming Governor Matt Mead. Through the added emphasis on recovery, the establishment of reasonable timeframes to deter delays and ensure the process proceeds, and the elevated role of states in the process, the ESA Amendments of 2018 will provide for meaningful modernization of the Endangered Species Act that will not only increase benefits to species recovery but will also provide added regulatory certainty to industry.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to review this important legislation, and we look forward to working with you as it moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Christensen
Chairman